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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR \$1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/101,063, filed on March 20, 2002, entitled SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee										\$ 770.00
Total Claims	10	-	20	=	0	x	18	=		0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	84	=		0.00
Total Filing Fee										\$ 770.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-24 before calculating the Filing Fee.
A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/101,063, filed March 20, 2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/342,240 filed June 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,381,671.

7. New drawings are enclosed, nineteen(19) sheets, Figs. 1-22.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.


9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-185778, filed July 1, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed in the prior application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/101,063, as originally filed on March 20, 2002.


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